

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Patent Application of	Mail Stop Amendment	
Koji Takahara et al.	Group Art Unit: 2872	
Application No.: 10/003,216) Examiner: CRAIG CURTIS	
Filed: December 6, 2001) Confirmation No.: 4993	
For: POLARIZATION CONVERSION OPTICAL SYSTEM AND POLARIZATION CONVERSION ELEMENT))))	

Reply to Office Action of April 23, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

Page 3 of the Office Action suggests that a new rejection is being applied in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,511,183, which is referred to as "Fukushima et al."

Applicants have observed that Fukushima et al. are not the inventors listed on U.S. Patent No. 6,511,183. In addition, the language of the rejection appears to be the same language previously set forth in the prior Office Action of October 17, 2003, which included a rejection in view of Fukushima et al. (JP 362200320).

In a telephone conversation between the undersigned and Examiner Curtis on June 4, 2004, the Examiner agreed that the Office Action did not appear to reflect a rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 6,511,183. As such, Applicants are unable to submit a substantive response to the Office Action. The Examiner indicated that a





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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enc	losed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.				
	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.				
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\sum \\$55.00 (2814) \$\sum \\$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. \§ 1.20(d) are also enclosed.				
	Also enclosed is/are				
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.				
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$385.00 (2801) \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).				
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.				
	Applicant(s) previously submitted				
	on, for which continued examination is requested.				
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.				
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also				



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X	No additional claim fee is required.
	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds n	nultiple depen	dent claims, add	\$290.00 (1203)		
Total Claim Amendment Fee			\$ 0.00		
Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee \$			\$ 0.00		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT			\$ 0.00		

Ш	A check in the amount of	of is enclosed for the fee due.
	Charge	to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
	Charge	to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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